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1. STATE 58161 WHICH SUGGESTED WE REAFFIRM TO PATRICK MOBERLY US INTEREST IN CONSULTING ON URENCO AND BRAZIL REFERENCED THREE TELEGRAMS CONCERNING FRG/BRAZIL NUCLEAR DEAL, TWO OF WHICH EMBASSY LONDON DID NOT RECEIVE. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN AN OVERSIGHT SINCE THE BRITISH WERE BRIEFED IN WASHINGTON ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE TELEGRAMS. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE REQUESTED SEPARATELY THAT REFTELS A AND C BE REPEATED TO US.

2. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A BROADER POINT. IN OUR VIEW, IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE IF EMBASSIES PARIS, BONN AND LONDON WERE KEPT COMPREHENSIVELY INFORMED OF BILATERAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE US AND FRANCE, THE FRG AND THE UK. IN THE ABSENCE OF A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT WASHINGTON IS
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PRIVATELY SAYING TO AND HEARING FROM THE FRENCH AND GERMANS, INCLUDING AT HIGH LEVELS, WE IN LONDON PERFORCE HAVE ONLY PART OF THE TRANSATLANTIC PICTURE. SUCH COMPARTMENTALIZATION WOULD OVER TIME REDUCE OUR ABILITY TO ANALYZE BRITISH MOTIVES AND ACTIONS, CONCERNING NATO, THE EC, NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND CIEC, ETC., MANY OF WHICH ARE DIRECTLY INFLUENCED BY UK

TIES TO BONN AND PARIS. FURTHER, WE WOULD NOTE THAT HMG RECEIVES CONSTANT AND THOROUGH REPORTS HERE AND THROUGH ITS EMBASSIES ON THE CONTINENT AND IN WASHINGTON OF US BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITAIN'S EC PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY FRANCE AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. FOR INSTANCE, WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE FCO IS MUCH MORE INFORMED AT THE MOMENT THAN EMBASSY LONDON ON CURRENT STRAINS IN THE US-FRG RELATIONSHIP.

3. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT REGULARLY CIRCULATE TO EMBASSIES BONN, PARIS AND LONDON THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GERMANS, FRENCH AND BRITISH. IN OUR JUDGMENT, THE CALLAGHAN AND GENSCHER VISITS TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO START.

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